

STEAMLINER WRECK KILLS TWO

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ON our troubled industrial front, these brief developments are reported today:
1. A nation-wide strike of 80,000 Western Union workers is averted by a tentative agreement that ups wages by an hour and provides other benefits.
2. In Pittsburgh, Westinghouse and CIO electrical workers reach a one-year agreement providing a 15c per hour wage up.
There is a report in Pittsburgh that private discussions between CIO President Murray and U. S. Steel Vice President Stephens have resulted in a wage agreement.

THESE reports acted on the New York stock market much as a match acts on a train of powder. That is to say, they STARTED SOMETHING.
The short Saturday session had started off groggily. In the early trading, many leading issues hit new lows for the past six months or longer. Then these reports of settlements hit the market, transforming it (temporarily, at any rate) from a gloomy bear session to an optimistic bull session.
The losses that had been recorded in the early hours of trading were wiped out and in some cases converted into ADVANCES running to as much as three points.

WHY? Well, nobody knows the answer. Nobody EVER knows why the stock market does thus and so. But this SEEMS to be the answer, and it is fascinatingly interesting:
People with money to invest (meaning in these modern days not merely the big shots but ALL KINDS of people) are pretty well convinced that there can be little lasting prosperity (and therefore little profit) until employers and workers in American industry can find a way to GET ALONG TOGETHER.

Whenever the broad structure of the news indicates (as it has for months and months) that the prospects for further DISAGREEMENT are greater than the prospects for AGREEMENT, the market goes down.
It goes down for the simple human-nature reason that when people feel pessimistic about the future they SELL. When there are more sellers than buyers, prices go down.
But when people feel hopeful about the future, they BUY—and when there are more buyers than sellers, prices rise. It seems to be clearly apparent that reports of agreements between employers and workers cause people to feel MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE. That must be the reason for what happened in the stock market this morning.

ACCORDING to the accepted standards of an EARLIER DAY, the stock market has been as crazy as a lion for months.
Time and again prices have stood still—in some cases have even GONE DOWN—following the report of excessive earnings in certain specific industries. That is against all the old rules.
Why this change?
WELL, again no one knows the answer. It seems probable that investors have been reasoning that these excessive earnings have been due to EXCESSIVE PRICES, and there is an uneasy feeling everywhere that excessive prices, if continued, can and quite probably will wreck our whole economy.
When prices go too high, people can't buy enough THINGS, and when people can't buy enough things inventories pile up and production begins to slow down. When production slows down, prosperity ends and depression begins.

THESE hopeful reports that are loose this morning, and which have put a temporary surge of new life into the ailing stock market, don't guarantee prosperity. As a matter of fact, they probably indicate STILL HIGHER prices, for we have learned by sad experience that whenever wages go up prices go up, and vice versa.
But, at least they do stir the hope that the time may be getting nearer when employers and workers can get together in agreements that may be able to STOP THE RISING SPIRAL that frightens all of us.
Hope, you know, springs eternal in the human breast.

2nd Degree Murder Charge Filed
CONDON, Ore., April 19 (AP)—A second degree murder charge was filed against Jesse Dan Lawson, 47, Seattle, late yesterday in the slaying of Thomas J. Smith, St. Louis, Mo., near Arlington Thursday.
Both men were railroad workers.
A coroner's jury heard testimony that the two men were seen struggling near the ferry landing.

Quiet, But Extensive, Mining Rush On In Basin
By HALE SCARBROUGH
Northern Klamath county is currently the locale of a quiet but rather extensive mining rush. . . . The goal sought by the miners and speculators is not gold but pumice.
A large bed of pumice—volcanic froth, is to be found just under the topsoil all around the highway town of Chemult, and pumice is currently in some demand as a quick and relatively cheap substitute for lumber and other orthodox building materials.
In the past 20 years or more there has been some pumice mining activity around Chemult, because the stuff was used in scouring soaps, tooth pastes, mild abrasives and the like, but the rush is on this year.
No less than 22 placer mining claims have been staked out in the pumice area of the organized Chemult mining district in the past two months. Most of the claims bear the names of eight persons as locators, and are for 100 acres—20 acres per person, in accordance with mining law.
Right now there are several pumice mining operations going on in the Chemult district, and several

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PRICE FIVE CENTS KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1947 (Telephone 8111) ** No. 10913

WEATHER
Max. (April 18) 42 Min. 35
Precipitation last 24 hours 3.15
Stream year to date 7.15
Last year 11.25 Normal 9.75
Forecast: Cloudy, occasional showers tonight; partly cloudy Sunday.

High Diver Dies in Golden Gate

Rescue Team Probes Plant For Victims

By The Associated Press
TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 19 (AP)—Weary but dogged rescue workers in grotesque asbestos suits went back into the haunted ruins of the Monsanto plant today for more victims of Wednesday's explosion. The grim task of putting them out continued.
Already the Red Cross has released a list of 580 dead in this blast-raged industrial Gulf Coast community. The Houston Chronicle said, however, the Red Cross conceded that there were a number of duplications on the list. Earlier, its total had been 542.
Last night Mayor J. C. Trahan appointed a three-member "dead body commission" to prevent unauthorized removal of victims.
Fires still burned in oil storage tanks, casting a gloomy pall of smoke over the site. The grim task of putting them out continued.
Also continued is the coast guard investigation into the cause of the trigger-explosion aboard the Grandcamp, a French vessel that was foundering near the plant when it blew up at 9:12 a. m. that fatal morning, taking much of the town with it.
In recurring explosions and fires, two other ships were sunk, the High Flyer and the Wilson B. Keene. The multi-million dollar Monsanto Chemical Corp. plant was destroyed with heavy loss of life.
A member of the coast guard board yesterday said the cause of the explosion was "the sixty-four million dollar question" that may not be answered for years.
Memorial services for the dead will be held at 6 p. m. at the football field. All nominations are joining in the service.

Burnt-Over Marshes Further Decrease Vanishing Wildlife



Dead geese, exploded eggs and charred nests were found in this burnt-over tule marsh area on the Klamath river just outside town by Federal Game Man Jim Savage, right, and Win Southwell of the Klamath Sportsmen's association. The rush to bring such lands into cultivation is bringing an end to some of the best natural waterfowl breeding grounds in this area, and is a great factor in the steady decline of geese and ducks.

Publicity Said Reason For Leap

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19 (AP)—Frank H. Cushing, 37-year-old professional high diver, took a practice jump from the 265-foot-high Golden Gate bridge today—and concluded the probably wouldn't make another one which he had planned for publicity purposes.
He apparently was unharmed.
Cushing was swept out to sea a mile and a half. A crab fishing boat—the SOB—picked him up and he was transferred to an emergency hospital.
No Injury
Physicians said they found no injury nor any sign of shock or exposure.
The high diver said he entered the water feet first but blacked out for a moment. Then he bobbed to the surface, pulled to him a collapsible raft he had attached to himself with a 30-foot cord, inflated it and climbed aboard.
Holds Medal
Cushing holds the navy and marine corps medal for heroism for fighting a fire on a destroyer off Okinawa.
He believed the second time since the bridge was opened in 1937 that anyone has jumped from the suspension span and lived. A woman who jumped from the bridge several years ago suffered severe leg injuries but recovered.
Highway Patrolman Dave Zebo said Cushing's wife told him that Cushing, a World War II veteran, had been unable to get a GI loan for his "thrill circus" and hoped to gain enough publicity from a jump from the Bay bridge to secure financing.

Pleads Guilty In Swindle



William Arthur Nickel (above), former Mergenthaler Linotype company cashier, appears in Kings County court, New York, where he pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny in the \$780,000 swindle of the company.

Frank Smith Death Told

Frank Smith, who claimed his life had covered a span of 98 years, died here today, Saturday. Smith was a familiar figure on the streets of Klamath Falls and for many years residents along S. 6th street have observed the old man, wearing a discarded military coat and a stockinged cap, making his daily trek to town with the help of a cane.
Smith was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., and had often entertained friends with stories of his service in the Boer war and later in the Spanish-American war of 1898. He cooked in Reno from 1914 until 1924, when he came to Klamath Falls at the age of 75 to take a job with Jesse Bailey at the old Little Brick cafe, located where Hazel's Beauty shop now stands on N. 7th street.
When Smith came here the title "French Chef" followed him and he cooked under that name for several years. When depression hit the country and advanced years made it necessary for Frank to leave steady employment, he cooked for transients in the old "Hoover Hotel" off S. 6th near the tracks.
For the past several years Frank had made his home at Mrs. Nellie Groves' boarding house, 2128 S. 8th, and rain or shine the old fellow hobbled into town to spend the time of day with friends. Frank held membership for many years in the Culinary Alliance but was not a member at the time of his death.
Final arrangements will be announced by Ward's.

Train Jumps Rails Just Before Stop

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 19 (AP)—The Illinois Central railroad's City of Miami, seven-car, all-steel steamliner bound from Chicago to Miami, was wrecked near here today, killing two crew members and injuring at least 21 passengers.
Railroad headquarters in Chicago said the train had begun slowing down for a scheduled stop here when it "ran a switch at the entrance to the railroad yards."
Leaves Rails
The entire train left the rails, tore up the roadbed, and the locomotive and baggage car flopped over on their sides. The coaches remained upright, but blocked traffic on the road's two main lines.
The dead, as reported by the railroad and Burnham City hospital, were Charles Redus, 70, Centerville, Ill., the conductor, and C. M. Woods, Champaign, Ill., a baggage man.
The injured were rushed by ambulances to Burnham, McKinley, Mercy and Carle hospitals here. Six injured were released after first aid, with 15 requiring hospitalization.

Two Trips
Dale Clark, an ambulance driver for Burnham City hospital, said he made two trips to the wreck to recover the injured.
Dale said one of the victims, presumably Woods, was pinned under the baggage car and efforts were being made to free him. Rebus died en route to the hospital in Clark's ambulance.

Reet Pleats Replace Rodeo Shirts For Klamath Males

By KELLY ROBERTS
The local reet-pleaters are draping their shapes in gabardine this spring, according to latest reports from the clothes line.
Cardigan jackets are the latest thing for the well-dressed male, even suits coming complete with the collarless Cardigans. Everyone will be running around soon looking like fugitives from a bankrupt orchestra. The accent in suit colors is for plain and solid colors. Browns and light grays predominate, with light greens and blues running close behind. Slacks are slightly more bulky at the knees than previously, but done trickier, with less full pleats than before. With the end of the war, of course, more cloth was released, cuffs appeared on pants and now two-panters and vests are back.
Underneath all this, the sartorial male will be wearing boxer trunks of multi-colored colors that would make a gypsy dressmaker jump for joy.
Ties, both bows and straight, are bright and flowing for the 47 season and are being tied around plain colored shirts, which usually contrast to the color of the suit of the day. The ex-navy boys are coming back from the wars bringing their detachable collars with them. The paucity of white shirts has

Truman Balks At Tax Slash

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—President Truman declared tonight that a "sharp increase in prices" had "inflated the entire economy" and took a new stand against any income tax cuts now.
He issued a statement predicting a surplus of government receipts over expenditures of \$1,250,000,000 for the present fiscal year, which ends June 30. Mr. Truman had announced in a Jefferson Day speech April 5 that a surplus was in sight, but did not disclose the amount until tonight.
The president attributed the revision in estimates since his budget message went to congress in January to administration economies as well as to a sharp increase in prices "since the removal of controls."
He declared that now, when a balanced budget is being achieved, he wants to emphasize the "need for reducing the public debt 'while times are good.'"
"It is natural for taxpayers to wish to see taxes reduced," the president's statement continued. "But to do this now would promote inflation, so that the benefits of any reduction would be largely dissipated."

Paving Work Being Done

Crews of Warren Northwest, Inc. contractors, are at work on two paving projects in Klamath Falls, on Doty and on Pine streets. Work on widening Pine started a few days ago with construction workers tearing out curbs and sidewalks. The California Oregon Power company is moving power poles, water hydrants and meters, preparatory to additional street work.
Property owners on Pine approached the city last year, but construction was held off until better weather. The street will be widened six feet on each side from 8th to 8th.
The other job is the improvement program on Doty street, from 10th to 7th and on 7th from Doty to Mt. Whitney. City Engineer E. A. Thomas said today that workmen are building curbs now, and they hope to have the job finished by mid-May.

Disabled Vet Gets Eviction Notice



Ralph C. Cowan, disabled war vet, and his wife, Betty, have coffee in their \$32.50 a month apartment in the Atlanta, Ga., Techwood federal low cost housing project after receiving notice that they and their 12-year-old daughter must move because their income is too great. Cowan, who lost both feet in the Battle of the Bulge, gets a government pension of \$240 monthly and maximum income for a family of three in the project is \$180.

Greek Border Watch Ordered

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 19 (AP)—The United Nations security council ordered its Balkan investigating commission today to maintain an on-the-spot watch along Greece's troubled northern borders.
Members of the 11-nation commission, now in Geneva, were expected to dispatch observers to the area immediately.
The action was instituted after the security council voted 9 to 0 last night to maintain representatives of its Balkan commission in northern Greece until the council could take further action on the explosive situation.
The council decision was cable to the commission immediately by Secretary General Trygve Lie. The commission is in Geneva drafting a summary report on its investigation of the Greek frontier region.
At the same time, the council rejected Russia's demand for United Nations supervision over the proffered American aid to Greece.

Trouble In Dairen Looms

SHANGHAI, April 19 (AP)—Private Chinese reports from Dairen today said Soviet authorities had indicated they would refuse to permit government troops to enter when the Chinese take over administration of the big Manchurian port.
These reports said it was possible only administrative and police personnel would be permitted entry. This, the reports added, would "nullify all the government's administrative powers."
The Sino-Soviet treaty of 1945 provided for Chinese administration of Dairen, in Russian hands since the end of the war. Chinese officials attempting to arrange for the take-over have encountered many difficulties.
The private reports received in Shanghai said Soviet authorities shown no disposition to permit seaborne national government troops to disembark at Dairen.

Stock Strike Called Off

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—The United Financial Employees union (AFL) announced today the Wall Street strike scheduled for Monday had been postponed at the request of Acting Mayor John J. Bennett.
The union stated the postponement, for the time being, was for Monday only.
The strike originally scheduled for 10 a. m. Monday, when the New York stock and curb exchanges start operations daily, John Cole, vice president of the union, announced the postponement soon after Bennett disclosed appointment of a three-man emergency conciliation committee in a last-minute effort to stave off the strike.

Germans Deny Guilt Charge

NUERNBERG, Germany, April 19 (AP)—German Steel Magnate Friedrich Flick and five of his industrial associates pleaded innocent to war crimes charges today after an American prosecutor declared in a blistering opening statement that they shared the blame for German crimes equally with the militarists.
They were accused of boosting the Nazis to power, of financing the SS (elite guard), of exploiting slave labor, of cheating Jews out of property and of plundering occupied countries.

Showers In Store For Klamath Basin

Maybe not an honest-to-goodness downpour, but "occasional showers and partly cloudy" in the noncommittal language of the weatherman, are in store for the Klamath country Sunday.
Maximum temperature on Friday was 62 degrees, well below the 70's and 80's that were so welcome a few days ago.



Spring time and the hum of lawn mowers are synonymous in the opinion of pigtailed little Judith May Johnson of California avenue, snapped by the 9 o'clock Special lensman this morning.

PUPPIES RELIEVE BLAST TENSION

TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 19 (AP)—This may not be the most famous confinement in history, as one reporter said, but it ranks as one of the tops in Texas.
The city hall is headquarters here during the disaster. In front is a monument to the dead of World War II.
A terrier dog wandered up. The air was tense with dread and sorrow. Few noticed the little dog until she walked up to the monument and began giving birth to a litter of puppies.
The atmosphere cleared immediately. A crowd gathered and people began to give the dog what assistance they could.
Someone brought a box. Others brought blankets. They lined the box with blankets and made a home for the mother and her five puppies.
Today the family is doing well. The box, now indoors in the city hall, is still their home.
And Texas City residents, still dazed by the magnitude of the disaster that changed the course of their lives, find time to bring milk to the little terrier and her puppies.